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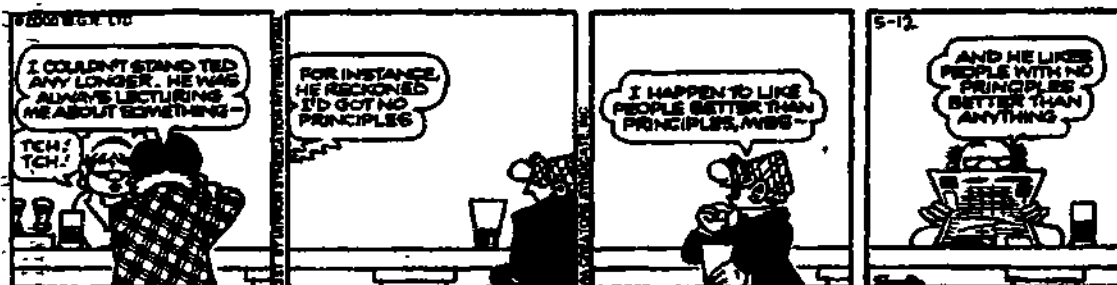
THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



DILBERT



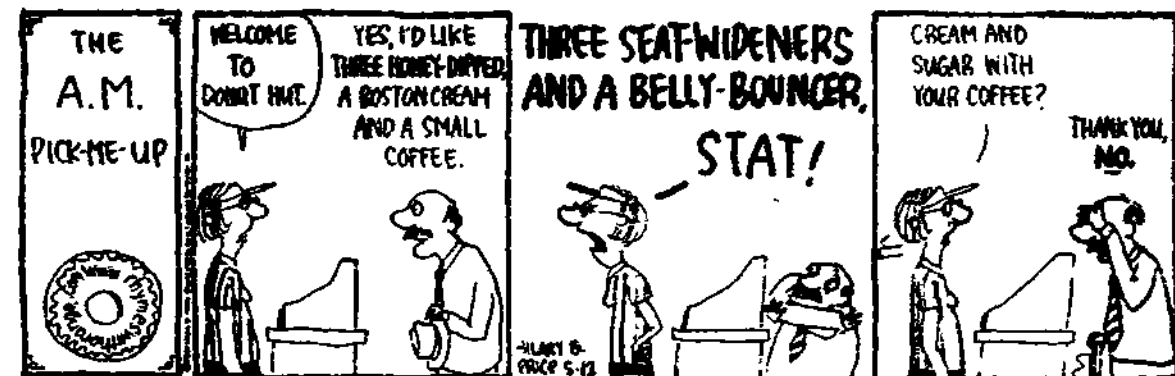
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actress Katharine Hepburn is 93.
 Journalist Howard K. Smith is 86.
 Critic John Simon is 75. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Yogi Berra is 75.
 Composer Burt Bacharach is 71.
 Talk show host Tom Snyder is 64.
 Comedian George Carlin is 63.
 Actress Milla Jovovich is 62.
 Country singer Billy Swan is 58.
 Actress Linda Dano is 57.
 Musician Ian McLagan is 55.

I NEED HELP



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PAR SCORE 120-130 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrill-Webster) and OGW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 5-12-00 ©2000 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

BEGINNING & ENDING WITH "T"

OCTEGRATTZWTONK
 THIRSTIREFCZWUR
 PMGTANTAMOUNTJH
 ECHIANZNXPUSQNT
 LJTBGBSSEECZXVH
 TRPENLLISMJHECG
 AYWTPVTETRAPNLI
 KIGREMCNTBZTXWL
 USRUPOUTUMLJSII
 GEDSBAYRAXWUT EW
 SQPTEVIRTUONRUT

Thursday's unused clue: BOGGS

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
 Friday's unused clue hint: THIS DESIRE TO DRINK

Tablet	Tempest	Transient	Trust
Tamamout	Testament	Transit	Turnout
Target	Tibet	Trivet	Twilight
Taut	Tight	Trumpet	

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HOROSCOPE

Saturday, May 13

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Try to get chores finished, and stick to a schedule as much as possible.
 TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A good time is had by all as the moon leaves the house of Virgo.
 GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Communication with family members might be a bit blurred as the moon moves out of the house of Virgo.
 CANCER (June 21 to July 22) This is a great day to catch up on correspondence.
 LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You might not like it, but this is the time to start following a tighter budget.
 VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You finally find yourself in the spotlight. Show everyone what you're made of.
 LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) What is that little voice inside your head telling you to do? Your subconscious might be right on target.
 SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) This is a good day for telling your own secrets or listening to someone else's.
 SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You have a hard time dealing with people in positions of authority.
 CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Take care of all of those loose ends.
 AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) A moneymaking opportunity presents itself, but make sure you get all of the details before proceeding.
 PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You are ready to come to the aid of anyone who asks.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

South wisely ducked the first heart. It was not to isolate West's suit, but to discover the heart distribution. West's heart six may have been a fourth-best lead from either a four- or five-card suit. South got his answer when East returned his eight and West followed with his five — West had a five-card suit. Afraid to finesse in diamonds, South played both top honors, hoping to drop the queen. When it didn't drop, he fell back on the spade finesse. Neither paid off, and West took a spade and four hearts for one down. Instead of setting for a so-so plan, South should have gone for a clinch. After discovering the heart distribution, he should have cashed the king, jack and ace of clubs to eliminate a safe exit card for West. Then he should lead the heart 10 from dummy, inviting West to run his hearts. If West does so, he must lead a spade or a diamond, eliminating the need for any finesses. And if West refuses to run his hearts, the free finesse gives South his chance to score overtricks.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

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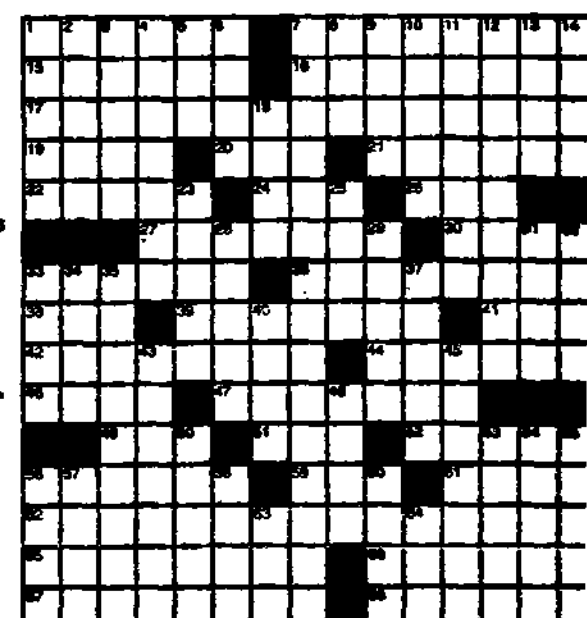
- ACROSS
- 1 Tank top
 - 7 Seasonal Mexican workers
 - 15 Nordic's locale
 - 18 Eschew dining partners
 - 17 With 62-Across, a caution to motorists
 - 19 Georgetown hooper
 - 20 Emergency measure
 - 21 Pop, for one
 - 22 Rockets
 - 24 Like some prices
 - 25 "Ben-Hur" novelist Wallace
 - 27 Brie-a-brac holder
 - 30 Hit producer?
 - 32 Dishveled
 - 36 Ticket avoider?
 - 38 Bruin
 - 40 Half-of-fame defenseman
 - 42 Chambered cephalopods
 - 41 H.S. requirement
 - 43 Entree
 - 44 Off
 - 46 Safe, on board
 - 47 Comparatively poor?
 - 48 Department on the Côte d'Azur
 - 51 Heartst kidnapping
 - 52 Dance music with an infectious beat
 - 58 White collar worker?
 - 59 Form letters?
 - 61 Hinds
 - 62 See 17-Across
 - 65 Forsaker of the faith
 - 66 Mame, for one
 - 67 Overland routes
 - 68 Substitute ruler

DOWN

- 1 Barbarians
- 2 Blessing precursor
- 3 "I'm outta here!"
- 4 Some theater
- 5 What makes a man mean?
- 6 "Wanna hear a secret?"
- 7 In hidden fashion
- 8 "Yay!"
- 9 On one's toes
- 10 Toddler's locale, maybe
- 11 "The Burial of Court Orgaz" artist
- 12 Perfume
- 13 "Come ___"
- 14 Elated
- 16 Chinatown secret society
- 23 Bear
- 25 Capt. Picard's counselor
- 28 Over
- 29 Zhou

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

NETS SIPS LIMAS
 SNIP EQUI ICALL
 NEMO TSPS PESTO
 BROODS ARTSHOW
 CONFUSEDLOOK
 SPANJO ENABLE
 BUG RIDGE TOAD
 RHYMELESSPOETRY
 IOTA RATON HAS
 THONGS GALES
 CARTEBLANCHE
 PUSHFOR SLALOM
 ONEIF ICET FARM
 STALE CORE URSAL
 HOLDS KERR SAYS



Puzzle by Nancy Salzman and Harvey Estes

- 31 Elizabeth of "La Bamba"
- 32 Occasion of immoderation
- 33 Tomato type
- 34 Asia's ___ Sea
- 35 Mourn
- 37 Pairs of jaws
- 40 Isn't selfless
- 43 Most accessible
- 45 Market activity
- 46 What some eyes do
- 50 Cow catcher
- 53 Money-losing proposition?
- 54 Go ahead
- 56 It's a plus
- 56 Loud noise
- 57 T'ang dynasty poet
- 58 Climber's rock
- 60 Telephone button
- 63 When Nancy bakes?
- 64 Shade

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